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OFFICERS MESS IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of officers mess in the country and the total expenditure incurred on them during the last three years;

(b) whether jawans are also entitled to avail the facilities of officers mess;and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c); Officers`messes are maintained by all the Units/Formations/ Establishments of the Armed Forces.Therefore, no centralized data is maintained on the total expenditure incurred on them. They are run on `no loss, no profit` basis with contributions from all officers. While the buildings are maintained by the Military Engineering Service along with other buildings in the respective establishment,Mess Allowance is authorized on the basis of the number of officers in each establishment Officers`messes are meant exclusively for Officers.Persons Below Officer Rank have similar facilities separately.